

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) An image service providing apparatus comprising:

an input unit for inputting a video image file obtained by adding, to video data representing a plurality of continuous time-sequential still images photographed by a photographing device as frames of a video image, attendant data representing an image service corresponding to processing for at least one of the still images included in the video data, the image service being at least one of forming a still image, recording the video image file, distributing a still image or the video data, or editing the video data;

a setting unit for setting a type of the image service on the basis of the attendant data included in the video image file by the input unit; and

a processing unit for processing the image service for the video data included in the video image file input by the input unit on the basis of the type of the image service set by the setting unit.

Claim 2. (Original) An image service providing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the attendant data includes photographing conditions of the photographing device at a time when the video data is obtained.

Claim 3. (Original) An image service providing apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the photographing conditions are common to the entire video image file.

Claim 4. (Original) An image service providing apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the photographing conditions differ depending on the still images of the video data included in the video image file.

Claim 5. (Original) An image service providing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the attendant data includes a concealed condition for setting the video data to make it possible to process the video data.

Claim 6. (Original) An image service providing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the processing unit includes an image forming unit for forming a still image on a recording material.

Claim 7. (Original) An image service providing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the processing unit includes an image recording unit for recording the video image file on a recording medium.

Claim 8. (Original) An image service providing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the processing unit includes an image distribution unit for distributing a still image to another apparatus.

Claim 9. (Original) An image service providing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the processing unit includes a video editing unit for editing the video data, and processes the edited video data edited by the video editing unit as the video data.

Claim 10. (Original) An image service providing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the processing unit includes an attendant data editing unit for editing the attendant data, and uses the edited attendant data edited by the attendant data editing unit as the attendant data.

Claim 11. (Currently Amended) A recording medium on which attendant data representing an image service for a video image can be recorded or reproduced by a computer, comprising:

a video image file comprising:

video data representing a plurality of continuous time-sequential still images photographed by a photographing device as frames of a video image, and

attendant data representing an image service corresponding to processing of at least one of the still images included in the video data, wherein

the image service is at least one of forming a still image, recording the video image file, distributing a still image or the video data, or editing the video data,
wherein, when read by a computer, the attendant data enables the at least one of the still images to be processed by an image service providing apparatus according to the image service represented by the attendant data.

Claim 12. (New) The image service providing apparatus of claim 1, wherein the attendant data designates a range of frames of the video data corresponding to the at least one still image to be processed.

Claim 13. (New) The recording medium of claim 11, wherein the attendant data designates a range of frames of the video data corresponding to the at least one still image to be processed.

Claim 14. (New) The image service providing apparatus of claim 12, wherein the attendant data further comprises data representing an image service to be processed on the range of frames of the video data designated by the attendant data, and data representing an image service to be processed on a still image corresponding to a specific frame of the video data.

Claim 15. (New) The recording medium of claim 13, wherein the attendant data further comprises data representing an image service to be processed on the range of frames of the video data designated by the attendant data, and data representing an image service to be processed on a still image corresponding to a specific frame of the video data.

Claim 16. (New) The image service providing apparatus of claim 14, wherein the processing unit processes the image service on the range of frames of the video data designated by the attendant data, and processes the image service on the still image corresponding to a specific frame of the video data.

Claim 17. (New) The recording medium of claim 15, wherein the attendant data enables the image service providing apparatus to processes the image service on the range of frames of the video data designated by the attendant data, and processes the image service on the still image corresponding to a specific frame of the video data.